

HOUSE BILL 3653

By Stewart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
Chapter 20, relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 20, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

2-20-1__.

(a) Notwithstanding § 2-5-209, each county shall be required to print a number of paper ballots equal to one hundred four percent (104%) of the number of registered voters under this part; provided, however, a county election commission may petition the state election commission to print the following number of ballots if the county election commission can show to the state election commission a number of paper ballots equal to one hundred four percent (104%) of the number of registered voters would be excessive:

(1) For the regular November election, an amount of paper ballots equal to at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the largest number of persons who voted in a regular November election in that county within the last six (6) years;

(2) For the regular August election, an amount of paper ballots equal to at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the largest number of persons who voted in a regular August election in that county within the last six (6) years;

(3) For a local election not held in conjunction with the regular November election or regular August election, an amount of paper ballots equal to at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the largest number of persons who voted in

such a local election for the municipality holding such local election within the last six (6) years;

(4) For a special election, an amount of paper ballots equal to at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the number of persons who voted in the last special election held in that county for a similar office; and

(5) For any other election not described in the above subdivisions, an amount of paper ballots equal to at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the largest number of persons who voted in an election the county election commission determines to be similar to the election being held within the last six (6) years.

(b) Each county election commission shall be responsible for ensuring enough ballots are printed pursuant to this section.

(c) Each county election commission shall notify the state coordinator of elections regarding the number of ballots such commission plans to print for an election if the petition to print fewer ballots than the number of paper ballots equal to one hundred four percent (104%) of the number of registered voters is granted by the state election commission.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.